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## PRES. WILSON WORKING ON MESSAGE

Defense of Nation Will Be Main Theme of Document to Be Delivered Personally Before Congress Dec. 7

Washington, Nov. 16.—Working steadily at his message to congress, President Wilson plans to have it finished by Thanksgiving and to deliver it personally on December 7 before a joint session of the house and senate.

National defense, it is expected, will be the main theme. In this connection the president will recommend the five-year schedule of strengthening the army and navy at a cost of \$1,000,000,000, giving the nation an army and navy second to none "as a defensive institution."

The president will not recommend presidential primaries, as he abides by Senator Pomeroy's opinion that these are unconstitutional.

Important subjects which he will discuss include:

Urging of economies in governmental expenditure; passage of conservation measures; sweeping changes in the mining laws; trade expansion; establishment of cooperative selling agencies abroad for American exporters; passage of "anti-dumping" legislation to prevent cheap foreign goods from flooding the American market after the war; increased taxes for liquor, tobacco and wool.

## HILLSTROM EXECUTION PROTESTED BY A. F. OF L.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Nov. 16.—The American Federation of Labor's condemnation of the death sentence against Joe Hillstrom, I. W. W., at Salt Lake City, was dispatched today to President Wilson, the Swedish consul at Washington and the Utah board of appeals in the hope that it might result in aiding Hillstrom to escape death before the Utah firing squad Friday.

## AUSTRIA IS ASKED FOR ANCONA REPORT

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Nov. 16.—The state department this afternoon instructed Ambassador Penfield at Vienna to ask for a detailed report on the sinking of the liner Ancona by an Austrian submarine.

## JONATHAN BOURNE SAYS M'ADOO HAS JUGGLED U.S. FUNDS

Washington, Nov. 16.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo was charged today by ex-Senator Jonathan Bourne of Oregon with shifting figures and concealing the true financial condition of the government.

The shift, according to Bourne, was over \$100,000,000.

Harvey Chase, a certified public accountant, swore to this analysis of McAdoo's figures, charging that the balance of the general fund October 23 was actually about \$3,500,000, instead of more than \$117,500,000, as McAdoo figured.

"The statement issued by Bourne's republican publicity bureau for political purposes," said McAdoo, "is so ridiculously untrue as to be unworthy of notice. We have in the treasury all the money which the daily statement shows."

LEE DE FOREST.  
Inventor Went to England to check Zeppelins.  
University of Ore. Library



Photo by Paul Bros.

## OREGON SENATOR FOR PROTECTION MERCHANT SHIPS

Washington, Nov. 16.—America ought, in the opinion of Senator Chamberlain, to protect her merchant vessels to the limit.

"We should be careful and conscientious about giving American registry to ships of other nationalities, but when we have done so we ought to stand by our declarations."

Speaking of the Weeks proposed ship subsidy bill, Chamberlain said: "I am not entirely opposed to the subsidy plan. We should do something to put our vessels on an even footing with subsidized foreign ships."

## NATURE BLAMED FOR SLOWING UP OF BALKAN CAMPAIGN

Berlin, Nov. 16.—Terrible natural difficulties of the country rather than resistance of the enemy is slowing up the central allies in central Serbia.

Yet, with growing numbers of Serbs captured daily, and with the Germans pushing their way, undaunted, the rearm good prospects that the main army of the Serbians will be surrounded soon. They are being driven gradually westward, while at the same time the Austrians are closing in from the north and west.

The Austrian forces are slowly, but surely, crushing the resistance of the Montenegrins in the west.

In southern Serbia the Bulgarians are combatting the enemy vigorously. The situation at Tetovo is in doubt, that place having changed hands several times.

The Bulgars are massing heavy forces around Veles, the point for which there has been strong battling during the past week, with varying fortunes.

## REINSTATE ASSISTANT POSTMASTER AT WINNETKA

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Nov. 16.—In orders to Postmaster General Burleson today the White House unqualifiedly ordered reinstatement of Assistant Burkitt at Winnetka, Ill., who was removed because he criticized the president's engagement for being too soon after his first wife's death.

Assistant Postmaster General Roper today telegraphed Postmaster Kloepper to reinstate Burkitt immediately.

## KILL BANDIT WHO HELD UP BAR DEMANDS OF THE ALLIES REFUSED

Companion of the Dead Man Is Wounded in a Battle With the Officers in Which the Latter Escape Injury

San Jose, Cal., Nov. 16.—Two unknown men who early today held up the bar of the Swiss-American hotel, robbing four patrons and the till, were overtaken by a posse at Mountain View, 12 miles from here, and in an ensuing battle one of the bandits was killed and the other wounded by a charge of buckshot in the leg.

None of the officers was killed, although the robbers fired a dozen shots from automatic pistols. The wounded man, who was brought here by train, refused to divulge his identity, but said he was a San Francisco tailor, and that the dead man was his partner. Both men were well dressed, but no marks which would lead to an identification were found on their clothing.

After robbing the bar, the bandits are believed to have hidden in the local freight yards until a freight pulled out. They then commandeered it at the point of pistols. Conductor Phelps dropped off unseen a few minutes later and notified the local police.

The sheriff, organizing a posse, started out to head off the train at Mountain View. Traveling in automobiles at the rate of 60 miles an hour, they arrived at Mountain View just a few minutes ahead of the train. As the freight slowed down the officers threw searchlights on the bandits, who were entrenched in a pile of machinery on a flat car.

The bandits answered the command to surrender with a rain of lead. The elder man was struck down with a charge of buckshot and three pistol bullets.

When the posse reached him he was dead.

The other bandit leaped from the car as he saw his partner fall. A charge of buckshot struck him as he landed on the ground, but he continued to fire as he ran, dropping fifty yards from the train. An examination of his pistol showed that a shell had jammed it.

The local posse, augmented by Constable Petersen and Town Marshal Butler, were grouped together less than 25 feet from the car when the bandits opened fire, but escaped injury.

## GEN. VILLA LEADS TROOPS AGAINST FEDERAL ARMY

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 16.—A pitched battle is reported raging between Villistas, commanded by Francisco Villa himself, and Carranzistas, led by Alvaro Obregon, near Hermosillo today.

Evidently intending to crush Villa by simultaneous attacks from three sides, Obregon hurled three columns of troops against the rebel chieftain yesterday. Villa forestalled this move by deserting his headquarters at Magdalena and suddenly assaulting the enemy advance guard near Hermosillo. In this fight he had the advantage of superior numbers, and his scheme appears to be to engage the Carranzista columns one at a time, thus preserving his own numerical superiority.

## DEMANDS OF THE ALLIES REFUSED

King Constantine Threatens Internment of Troops That May Be Forced to Seek Refuge in His Country

Paris, Nov. 16.—Greece has refused demands which the allies insisted are essential to their safety, diplomatic officials admitted today.

Moreover, the allies are prepared to force compliance with these demands, while the central powers will help King Constantine to resist.

Allied diplomats insist that, inasmuch as former Premier Venizelos countenanced and, in fact, invited landing of allied troops at Saloniki, Greece has no right to threaten, as she has, that the allies, if forced to flee to Greece for safety after Balkan reverses, will be interned.

If necessary, the allies' fleets will be sent to Greece to insure non-interference by Greece with the Balkan plans, and, it is hinted, King Constantine may be uncrowned.

At the same time the fleet is distinctly likely to meet strong resistance from Austro-German undersea boats, known to be heading for the Grecian vicinity.

Meantime, the allies are bringing pressure to bear upon the king to force him to alter his attitude. He is being strongly reminded of his ties to the entente powers, and it is hoped in the allied capitals that he will not dare to defy these warnings.

Denys-Cochin, of the French cabinet, and Lord Kitchener, now in the island of Lemnos, supposedly the allies' near-eastern naval base, will see the king soon. The allies are convinced that the majority of Greeks favor the allies and honestly want to help Serbia against Bulgaria.

At the same time, Constantine is pro-German. The entente powers had asked that he at least guarantee to give them a free hand in the Balkans. In answer, however, he gave no promise. The allies are under the impression that he actually intends to intern any of the invaders who may be driven out of Serbia and Bulgaria into Greece. The powers feel that this course is unreasonable, in view of the fact that the expedition was undertaken at Venizelos' invitation.

They argue that, inasmuch as they have been permitted to go to Serbia via Saloniki, they should be permitted to use the same route out if circumstances compel.

## CHURCHILL OFF FOR SERVICE WITH OXFORD YEOMANRY

(By United Press Leased Wire.) London, Nov. 16.—Winston Churchill, up to last week the most criticized public man in England, prepared to sail across the channel tomorrow to join his comrades of the Oxford yeomanry, as a subordinate officer.

The erstwhile first lord of the admiralty suddenly became in his new role one of the most popular men in England, from his speech yesterday in the house of commons, in which he bared the secrets of English reverses and, without excusing himself, showed that he had not had enthusiastic support. Newspapers predicted that he will soon return to the cabinet.

His position of calm confidence in England's ultimate success; his ex-

SAMUEL W. M'CALL.  
Has Long Been Ambitious to Rule as Governor of Massachusetts.



## SUFFRAGETTES IN ENGLAND ABOUT TO BREAK OUT ANEW

London, Nov. 16.—Suffragettes are stirring anew in England, after keeping under cover for months.

A mass meeting they planned for Thursday having been cancelled by the authorities, Emmeline Pankhurst, militant leader, announced defiantly today that it would be held elsewhere.

At the same time she charged that the government wished to hush the public protests against "the betrayal of Serbia."

The suffragettes had advertised that they would demand "loyal and vigorous conduct of the war," and it was suspected that they wished to demand the removal of Premier Asquith and Foreign Minister Sir Edward Grey because of their diplomatic defeat in the Balkans.

Authorities determined, however, that they would permit no such riotous talk, and hence cancelled the gathering.

## MUCH DAMAGE IS WROUGHT AT GORITZ BY BOMBARDMENT

Vienna, Nov. 16.—That Goritz has suffered heavily from bombardment was officially admitted today. Fifty soldiers have been wounded and 58 civilians killed thus far, while 300 buildings, largely churches and convents, have been badly damaged.

Less violence on the Isonzo front was reported. In the Monte San Michele region, the Italians, it was admitted, penetrated an Austrian position after clearing the way with artillery fire.

## WOMAN SLAYER OF NEGRO DISCHARGED AT SEATTLE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, Nov. 16.—Mrs. Martha Kamatha, white wife of a Japanese, who shot and killed a negro, George Grasty, here last spring and was found not guilty by reason of temporary insanity, was discharged as sane by a jury in Judge Everett Smith's court today.

position of the situation under which he labored as director of England's naval affairs changed his position with the British public and gave him a popularity he had failed to have in his troubled place as navy leader.

## PLAN FINISH CAMPAIGN FOR BEETS

Public Meeting of Signers of Acreage and All Others Interested Will Be Held at Court House Wednesday

Wednesday the sugar beet will have the right of way in Grants Pass.

At two o'clock in the afternoon a public meeting will be held at the court house, and at this meeting the situation as regards the securing of acreage will be gone into from every angle. The interest exhibited by the people of the district will determine in a very large measure the outcome of the campaign, for determined and united effort will be needed in the few remaining days to bring success to the enterprise.

The committee from the Commercial club has been working early and late the past few days. In calling the meeting the committee has sent a letter to every person who has signed acreage urging that they be present and that they bring their neighbors. The call from the committee is as follows:

"Are we to have a beet sugar factory? The time has come for the question to be settled definitely.

"C. W. Nibley will be here in the very near future to decide whether the factory will be established and, if so, the exact location of the site. The campaign for acreage has been on for a month, and while the outlook is encouraging, there is much to be done to secure the required amount. We have reached a point when we want your counsel and assistance. We dare not think of failure.

"The establishment of the industry in our midst means a market for the produce of our farms at an established price and free from the hands of the middleman. In short, it means prosperity for the community. Shall we meet the issue?

"To consider all of the many phases of the question a meeting has been called at the court house in Grants Pass for two o'clock on Wednesday, November 17. It is imperative that every subscriber to acreage and all who are interested be present at this meeting, as there is much information to be given to those interested. Come and invite your neighbor."

## THE SHAH OF PERSIA AND HIS MINISTRY LEAVE TEHERAN

Petrograd, Nov. 16.—Fearful that the plots of the central powers and the entente allies will end in bloodshed at Teheran, the Shah of Persia and his ministers left there Monday. Their exit was a virtual flight. It was believed they had sought refuge in Ishpahn.

At the same time, it was understood the Germans and Turks are preparing to follow the Shah's suite. The allied diplomats are expected to overtake the Persian government members, if, indeed, they already have not done so. They have long accused the central allies of trying to corrupt the Persian officials.

## MAYOR MITCHEL IS RESTING WELL TODAY

New York, Nov. 16.—Mayor Mitchell, who late yesterday suddenly underwent an appendicitis operation, was reported resting well today.